

**City of Minneapolis**  
**Request for Committee Action**

**To:** Public Safety, Civil Rights & Emergency Management  
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**Referral:** Ways & Means  
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**Subject:**

Contract for PATROL (Peace Officer Accredited Training OnLine) with the League of Minnesota Cities for registration costs.

**Description:**

Approving contract with the League of Minnesota Cities for up to \$76,190 for access to the PATROL (Peace Officer Accredited Training OnLine) accredited training for MPD officers.

**Previous Actions:**

The MPD contracted for this accredited training in 2015.

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**Ward/Address:**

Not Applicable

**Background/Analysis:**

The League of Minnesota Cities provides access to their accredited online *PATROL* training application for law enforcement personnel as a means to facilitate mandated yearly training. For MPD officers, online training costs are estimated to be \$76,190 in 2016. This training is budgeted in the MPD's General Fund budget. Online training reduces the need for other travel/training costs.

- The League's online training is currently used by over 3,000 officers around the state of Minnesota.
- The courses are tailored to Minnesota law and are approved by the MN Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) Board before being offered to users.
- The courses are offered on a per user fee.
- The MN POST Board currently requires that MN peace officers earn 48 credits of continuing education every 3 years. A user of the Leagues' online training would be able to satisfy over half of those credits should they take all courses offered over the course of one year.
- Officers would be able to take portions of their mandated training at any time.

- This would alleviate the adverse impact to staffing that occurs presently due to the fact that we must schedule large blocks of training time that requires significant logistical work and takes officers away from their assigned duties for period longer than that which would be required to complete online course work.
- Each course takes approximately 1 hour and includes a test. Officers must achieve a minimum score to receive credit for the course.

**Financial Review:**

**No additional appropriation required, amount included in current budget.**